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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 3031

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- 44) [157227] "Army Radio List" Attachment
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by Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 14:51:21 -0600 (MDT)
From: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157184] SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0309011450140.6971-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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If you are like me and have had k5di@zianet.com and k5di@arrl.net for many years, of late your getting a whole lot of spam messages. It took me about 5 minutes every morning of intense reading of messages to delete those that were spam and not real messages.

My Linux came with SpamAssassin installed and today I got it working. I got 34 messages a moment ago and not one was spam! They make a version for Windows so visit the site and see if you want to cure your spam problem.

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 16:44:04 -0500
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>

To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, "FPigs" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [157185] Still looken for den piggi numbers
Message-ID: <028201c370d2\$2a2644e0\$0077da0c@mchsi.com>

Anyone want to stop by 7.044 and say howdy??
Any good ole ragchews ??
Anyone just want to stop by and make fun of my lousy fist ??

I'm listening on 7.044

72 es oo Jerry N0JRN
FP # 546, ARS # 923, ARCI # 11049, ARRL,
Springfield, Mo. <http://home.mchsi.com/~n0jrn/>
MP + # 8, K 1 # 608, SW 20 +, TT 1340 , RM 20 &
40, Tiny Tornado 20, 30, 40, 80, SMK - 1
and so on and so on

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 15:33:58 -0700
From: "Thomas Kuehl" <ac7a@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157186] BV/AC7A a Possibility
Message-ID: <000501c370d9\$22bb24d0\$120110ac@texas6oef4glwm>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy,

In mid September I will be heading off to Taiwan, 'BV' land. I am currently working with Taiwan's CTARL, the equivalent of our ARRL, to obtain a temporary operating license. The folks at the CTARL have been very helpful, and this may actually happen. If the paperwork is complete in time, I hope to be on the air sometime during my 2 week stay.

Unfortunately, this is a work trip and I would be limited to an occasional evening operation. That doesn't work out too badly for the USA, as I would be on the air early AM. There are a couple of catches to operating from BV-land; foreigners may not take any amateur radio equipment into the country, and I can only operate from an established operator's station. However, I think you do get to use "BV/your home call." The gentlemen I am working with at CTARL is trying to arrange for a ham in the city where I will be staying to contact me. I'll be staying in Kaohsiung.

Anyway, if it all comes together, I plan to give the QRP haunts some attention - even though it is unlikely that I will be QRP from that end. I'd love to add another country of operation to my K2, but that's out of the question. I'll let everyone know as it gets closer to my departure date if it is a "go."

Regards, Thomas - AC7A (Tucson)

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 18:01:17 -0500
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157187] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <200309011801.17436.w9ya@arrl.net>
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On Monday 01 September 2003 11:54 am, Mike Yetsko wrote:

> > I am always somewhat confused when I am told that someone cannot learn
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> the
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> > code. It is probably due to one of two things, attitude or method.
>
> Some people can't learn to spell. Or to read. It's really only in the
> last
> 30 years or so that these kinds of 'ability variants' have been recognized
> for what they are, and methods developed to help SOME of these people.
> And be aware that not all the variants have 'work-around methodologies'
> for teaching these people. And even where techniques exist, there are
> those that are past the age where some of these techniques are most
> effective.
>
> > If I have an attitude that I cannot do something then I am definitely
>
> right.
>
> > Certainly someone with an ability to grasp complex concepts such as your
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> sk
>
> > friend below had done, can certainly grasp 45 (or so) discrete sounds
>

> that
>
> > make up morse code. He managed to talk and listen to a greater variety
>
> of
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> > sounds with you right ?
>
> Bottom line is some people just can't. You can't seem to grasp the
> concept
> that some people can't do something the way you can. Just take that a
> bit further. Some people have problems with things that we just can't
> even
> begin to grasp. But until you immerse yourself in their frame of
> reference,
> you can't even begin to understand even the symptoms of the problem.

Morse code is a communications skill that merely adds an additional sound for each letter sound the user already knows. It is *not* in itself a separate language. As such I remain confused as to how someone who can already communicate with their brain and ears in any specific language, cannot add some additional sounds. If you can add a new word to your vocabulary and recognize it when spoken, how can you not add other sounds ?

>
> For example, I know of one case in England where a woman just cannot
> grasp issues of time. She can stand on a street corner, look both ways,
> and just cannot grasp the concept that the cars she sees on the street are
> moving. She can look, even blink her eyes and see the vehicles are in a
> different position, but she cannot grasp the concept of movement and
> velocity and understand that they could strike her. She understands every
> thing you can tell her, but she cannot make the visual association that
> delta X means a V.
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> Now, when I hear that you cannot grasp the concept that people can't
> learn code for one reason or another, and you lay it down to attitude or
> method, I'll give you at least a chit for realizing method may be part of
> a
> solution, but when you even mention attitude...
>
> I teach 'challenged' people, and when I see someone spout 'attitude' as
> the 'end all'... I just want to grasp them by the neck, shake vigorously,
> and
> scream in their face "ARE YOU THAT _____ STUPID??" Hmm,
> maybe some of them are.

Yep, that's me.....Mr. stupid hi hi.

However, again, the point is that morse code is not a language or does it require *any* new skill(s). It uses a language already known to the *student* and it only asks that they learn some (a relative few) new sounds. If you can learn a new language sound, and learn what it means, then you *can* learn morse code. And if you can learn a new word (which is communicated as a sound btw) and then associate it with a meaning, then how can you state that it is too hard to learn the morse code ?

This is why I am confused. Unfortunately your explanation does not fit the fellow we were talking about in the original message from Peter Burbank. Like Einstein he might have been focused elsewhere I suppose, but it was *not* because he lacked the ability to learn "the code". And it was not because "the code" required any special skills he did not use every day.

>
> > Finally any CW debate based on "it's too hard to learn" is specious
> > IMHO, because, afterall, there is a medical waiver for those truly
> > having an issue with learning that wasn't because of attitude issues.
>
> You obviously haven't kept up to date on this at all, as the medical
> waiver is history for about 3 years now...

Yes, you are right, that went away "the day the music died". My original message text had this 'right, I dunno why I changed it. Oh well !

Best regards;

Bob
w9ya

>
> Mike

Date: Mon, 01 Sep 2003 19:11:00 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [157188] Kenwood DM-81 GDO
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.2.20030901190119.02b8af78@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Several of you have expressed an interest in my recommendation for a top GDO, and I have mentioned my favorite battery-powered unit is the Kenwood DM-81. They are rarely available-but there is one now in England. It is at

the English ebay. Look under GDO. The seller SAYS he will post only to the UK, but I've gotten past that several times in the past, and he would probably OK it. I would email him FIRST (before bidding-use "Ask seller a question".) It probably isn't going to go for very much less than \$100 plus shipping... but it IS a terrific unit-and this one looks pretty nice. I think he said he was the original owner. With manual.

Of course, you can always wait to find one for 1/3 of that-or so-at a hamfest... but I wouldn't hold my breath! UK ebay is:
<<http://www.ebay.com/uk/>>. It's an interesting place in the SW receivers too.

72/73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 16:11:36 -0700
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <kg6cyn@softhome.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
"Elecraft Mailing List" <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [157189] Back from White Mountain
Message-ID: <000701c370de\$65e71700\$5f8cb2d1@tjacobs>

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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hey Gang,

Just got back from White Mountain and had a blast. I'll be putting up a web site this week some time of pictures of the site. Has some very nice QSO's. Also played around making some small alcohol stoves out of Pepsi and Guinness cans. Hope everyone is having a nice relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

73's Trev KG6CYN
<http://www.qsl.net/kg6cyn>

Date: Mon, 01 Sep 2003 17:22:25 -0600
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: qRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157190] RE: FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <3F538051.18211.16B83B8@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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Russ said--

>>This is folly, because it potentially denies individuals the right to petition their government, a right guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution I might add.

<<

Well, no. That constitutional right has been watered down and abused for so long nobody even really knows what it means. It's one of those areas where the Founding Fathers were just vague, or perhaps they knew exactly what they meant but nobody else does. I've always thought of it as a constitutional oddity-- while everyone does have an absolute the right to petition the government, the constitution does not say who in the government, or what the government must do (or not do) when it receives a petition.

That one-sidedness MAY have some bearing on FCC petitions. Anyone can file a petition, but the FCC does NOT have to publish it or seek public comment on it.

There is absolutely nothing to prevent the FCC from talking to petitioners and getting them to reduce duplication. As things are, there is nothing to stop a few or a host of us from filing "pro-code" petitions.

>>How does amateur radio benefit if "the biggest VEC" directly or indirectly bullies an outcome with which many may not agree? <<

The League does have a policy in place, and the representative(s) to NCVEC should have voted accordingly. THAT action would be explainable to all League members on the basis that it is current League policy, right or wrong. Abstaining was a way for those "representatives" to break ranks and support the proposal, which was just enough of a gray area that they have evidently got away with.

>>but I doubt that the rules the NCVEC have adopted to govern themselves specify unanimous decision making. Such a policy would make the group rather ineffectual. <<

Not when you consider what NCVEC is-- their job basically is to administer the administration process, and the big V for volunteer is an important factor in what they can and should do. I have been on many boards and committees that required a unanimous vote for some types of decisions, particularly when policy was involved.

>>My U.S. Congressman makes decisions and casts votes on bills all the time with which I don't agree and on which his constituents were never polled.<<

Ah, but there is the ultimate accountability in the voting booth! We don't elect VE's, much less VEC's or an NCVEC.

>> I believe leadership requires no polls to be taken, but a good leader will listen, get a "feel" of the pulse of his constituents on an issue before making a decision. <<

Exactly. And to the extent that NCVEC is a leadership role, it's responsibility is to lead the VECs in carrying out their duties, not trying to change FCC regulations.

>>Mr. Emm, I have manned the barricades, by making this post and my submitting a comment to the FCC regarding the BPL issue.<<

You are to be commended for that. Everyone's opinion is equally important, and it is unfortunate that we so often have to defend our hobby (or aspects of it) against attacks by people who want to manipulate the system, for profit or otherwise, and impose their opinions on the rest of us.

Fortunately "protest" is a pretty much unlimited resource, and protesting

changes in the Morse requirements doesn't reduce the impact of protests against BPK. Even though the cynic in me would not be surprised if the "no-code forces" are deliberately trying to work it that way.

>>Again, thanks for your post. I did not initially think it was self-serving.<<

I'm not entirely sure what you mean by "self-serving" but if you ended up think that it was, you're right. At least as far as protecting my hobby is concerned. I'll even admit to a conflict of interest, but it's not what you might think. The restructuring of licensing and the practical elimination of Morse qualifications have actually been good for my business. With my Industry hat on I should be supporting the 6 petitions; on weekends and holidays I wear my amateur radio operator's hat and see things a bit differently.

73
Marshall Emm
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Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 17:33:50 -0600
From: "Bruce Kizerian" <kizerian@xmission.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157191] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS

Message-ID: <002901c370e1\$80163f40\$740746a6@98seoem>
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The local internet provider I use here in Utah uses SpamAssassin. In the last 20 months only two spam messages have slipped through. Both were reported to the provider administrator. They wont get through again.

My internet provider reports that over half the mail they handle on their servers is spam and is thrown out. Yet I never seem to lose mail from legitimate sources.

Highly recommended.

Bruce kk7zz

Date: Mon, 01 Sep 2003 19:26:24 -0400
From: "W. Keith Hibbert" <wkhibbert@frontiernet.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157192] New Email, New Computer
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20030901192121.009e22d0@pop3.frontiernet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi. Keith here in the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp

I had it with Juno, I really had no need for the products listed in the multitude of offers that I was SPAM'd with and one can only use just SO much generic Viagra (Ha!).

The primary Email machine is a Bondi Blue iMac that my daughter did not take with her when she went to college. I do have the account duplicated on a S-L-O-W Pentium but that's a backup (and it's behind a hardware firewall...)

The new address is: wkhibbert@frontiernet.net

73, Keith, WB2VUO

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 16:37:58 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157193] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <20030901233758.GA32442@n7xy.net>
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I have been using SpamAssassin for several months and yes, it does work quite well. Of course the spammers keep finding out how the filters work and come up with work-arounds (the latest appears to be putting the text in a graphics file, which filters won't catch), so you have to keep up with the latest version. Customizing the user_prefs file helps also.

Bob, N7XY

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 19:49:56 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w9ya@arrl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157194] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <005001c370e3\$cdc78d00\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
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> some additional sounds. If you can add a new word to your vocabulary and
> recognize it when spoken, how can you not add other sounds ?
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Thing is, that's not the point at all. There are people that cannot hear
a certain sound. Take the letter "T". (And no, I do not know of that
as a specific and actual case, it's just an example) And yes, their ears
work. They can see it, they know it's there, but their brain just cannot
make the connection. Somewhere in the cognitive functions it gets lost.

Think that's weird? I have a certain taste that I cannot taste. It just
isn't
there. But testing shows that every element of that taste I can sense in
other taste. In fact, I can smell it, but weakly. But my brain just
cannot
decipher that taste and process it. It's not in my tongue. It's not in
my
smell. Yes, I really am at issue in how my brain processes it to this
certain taste.

Sounds, taste, whatever. Once it gets to the brain, how it is processed
is
the issue. It's almost like there's a matrix being processed for certain
elements of something only there's a hole in the matrix, so the 'match'
the
brain tries to process after it's found it returns a null.

Saying something only adds a skill doesn't even BEGIN to get at the
root of the problem.

If you really want to learn, please do so, I really encourage people to
find
out about this. Once you gain even a partial insight to what some people
have to deal with, THEN you can begin to make evaluations as to how
difficult something is.

Yes, I did that. I'm a ski instructor. I've skied with blind skiers.
Two
seasons ago, I skied 4100 feet down a 'blue' trail with 765 feet of
vertical drop with a blindfold on... This year, I want to try a 'black'
trail (ok, an EASY black...) with just over 1000 feet of vertical...
Thing is, the first 300 feet scare me. I figure after that, the trees

will
stop me! Seriously, if I do this, I'll do it 'chair to chair'. And the
first
few hundred feet from the chair to the trail I want to ski are what scare
me... If I get a blind student that scared, I really DO want to be able
to say I DO know what it's like.

And before anyone ask, I've skied (socially) with a blind girl that I
couldn't keep up with. That at that time I didn't have a PRAYER of
keeping up with her and being her guide. Heck, I couldn't keep up
and even stay BEHIND her!

Mike

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 18:53:22 -0500
From: Bud Rogers <budr@netride.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157195] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
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On Monday 01 September 2003 15:51, Karl Larsen wrote:

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> working. I got 34 messages a moment ago and not one was spam! They
> make a version for Windows so visit the site and see if you want to
> cure your spam problem.

Karl, you might also be interested in one of the bayesian spam filters.
I used spamassassin for a couple of years and it worked well. I've
been using bogofilter for the past few months. It seems to be more
effective, at least in my case.

<http://www.paulgraham.com/spam.html>
<http://bogofilter.sourceforge.net/>

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Bud Rogers <budr@netride.net> KD5SZ EM05vb

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 17:01:55 -0700
From: "John_K7FD" <john_k7fd@cablespeed.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157196] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <000e01c370e5\$6c3f3810\$3801a8c0@hitradio99>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

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73 John K7FD

Date: 31 Aug 2003 17:25:24 -0700
From: Rob Craver <kd7snx@earthlink.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157197] I hate windows, But i am back!
Message-ID: <1062375924.7017.3.camel@localhost.localdomain>
Content-Type: text/plain
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I had that virus that was going around. I messed up so other stuff when trying to get ride of it so my widows xp system was completely messed up, like windows usually is! So i said bye bye to widows XP and put RED HAT 9.0 on. I love it!!!! no viruses, no crashes!! So long story short I am Back.

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Rob Craver
Kd7snx
www.qsl.net/kd7snx
qrp scQRPions

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 20:43:33 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <john_k7fd@cablespeed.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157198] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <007e01c370eb\$42ef2460\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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We have met the enemy and he is us...

Mike

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 21:09:35 -0400
From: "Lee Mairs" <lmairs@direcway.com>
To: <k5di@zianet.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157199] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <00de01c370ee\$e0ec8470\$2202a8c0@J4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Unfortunately, the Spammers have access to the SpamAssassin algorithms.
They are now working around it.
I had the same initial results with SAProxy, but its effectiveness has died
with time.
73 de Lee
KM4YY/8

----- Original Message -----
From: "Karl Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2003 4:51 PM
Subject: SpamAssassin WORKS

>
> If you are like me and have had k5di@zianet.com and
> k5di@arrl.net for many years, of late your getting a whole lot of spam
> messages. It took me about 5 minutes every morning of intense reading of
> messages to delete those that were spam and not real messages.
>

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> - Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

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Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 18:10:48 -0700 (PDT)
From: Gary Slagel <gds slagel@yahoo.com>
To: QRP L <qrpl@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157200] N0SXX results from CO Trail
Message-ID: <20030902011048.63655.qmail@web11607.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Had a great time! It was a nasty hike up to about
12,500 feet... windy and cold up there above tree line
even in August. Ended up camping at beautiful spot
beside a little creek at about 11,200 feet... just
below tree line.

Man... was really excited to hear a few qrpl guys.
Worked: N9NE, Todd, Wisconsin - K9YT, San, WI -
WA7SPY, Glenn, CA - all who had seen my post on the
list. Also worked AC6UV & WB6HGJ in CA. Had really
good reports from my k1 at 3w and 83' wire. Had the
wire snaking thru trees at about 30' high to 10' high.

Will put some pics on my website next few days.

Tnx for listening for me guys!

73, Gary

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Gary Slagel/N0SXX
Conifer, CO
<http://gds slagel.bravepages.com>

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<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 18:22:57 -0700
From: "John_K7FD" <john_k7fd@cablespeed.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157201] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <001d01c370f0\$be19a700\$3801a8c0@hitradio99>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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When you point a finger, four are pointing back.

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From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <john_k7fd@cablespeed.com>; "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2003 5:43 PM
Subject: Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment

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> Mike
>
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Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 19:00:42 -0700
From: "john gabbard" <johngabbard@usintouch.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157202] FS
Message-ID: <006e01c370f6\$047f4060\$19861c0c@john>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The following items have been tentatively sold. The RM 20, the SMK1 and the whiterook paddles. I still have the BLT for \$25. shipped thanks John KF7OM 73's

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 21:57:12 -0500
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157203] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <200309012157.12545.w9ya@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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On Monday 01 September 2003 06:49 pm, Mike Yetsko wrote:

> > Morse code is a commincations skill that merely adds an addiitonal sound
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> for
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> > each letter sound the user already knows. It is *not* in itself a
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> separate
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> > language. As such I remain confused as to how someone who can already
> > communicate with their brain and ears in any specific language, cannot
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> add
>
> > some additional sounds. If you can add a new word to your vocabulary and
> > recognize it when spoken, how can you not add other sounds ?
>
> Thing is, that's not the point at all. There are people that cannot hear

Well that most certainly **IS** the point. Morse code is sent **and** received as a mono-tone of the receiver's choosing.

Thanxs for all the comments though.

Bob
w9ya

> a certain sound. Take the letter "T". (And no, I do not know of that
> as a specific and actual case, it's just an example) And yes, their ears
> work. They can see it, they know it's there, but their brain just cannot
> make the connection. Somewhere in the cognitive functions it gets lost.
>
> Think that's weird? I have a certain taste that I cannot taste. It just
> isn't
> there. But testing shows that every element of that taste I can sense in
> other taste. In fact, I can smell it, but weakly. But my brain just
> cannot
> decipher that taste and process it. It's not in my tongue. It's not in
> my
> smell. Yes, I really am at issue in how my brain processes it to this
> certain taste.
>
> Sounds, taste, whatever. Once it gets to the brain, how it is processed
> is
> the issue. It's almost like there's a matrix being processed for certain
> elements of something only there's a hole in the matrix, so the 'match'
> the
> brain tries to process after it's found it returns a null.
>
> Saying something only adds a skill doesn't even BEGIN to get at the
> root of the problem.
>
> If you really want to learn, please do so, I really encourage people to
> find
> out about this. Once you gain even a partial insight to what some people
> have to deal with, THEN you can begin to make evaluations as to how
> difficult something is.
>
> Yes, I did that. I'm a ski instructor. I've skied with blind skiers.
> Two
> seasons ago, I skied 4100 feet down a 'blue' trail with 765 feet of
> vertical drop with a blindfold on... This year, I want to try a 'black'
> trail (ok, an EASY black...) with just over 1000 feet of vertical...
> Thing is, the first 300 feet scare me. I figure after that, the trees
> will
> stop me! Seriously, if I do this, I'll do it 'chair to chair'. And the

> first
> few hundred feet from the chair to the trail I want to ski are what scare
> me... If I get a blind student that scared, I really DO want to be able
> to say I DO know what it's like.
>
> And before anyone ask, I've skied (socially) with a blind girl that I
> couldn't keep up with. That at that time I didn't have a PRAYER of
> keeping up with her and being her guide. Heck, I couldn't keep up
> and even stay BEHIND her!
>
> Mike

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 20:52:15 -0600
From: Roger J Wendell <zeekzilch@juno.com>
To: cqclist@yahooogroups.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157204] CQC Contest Results
Message-ID: <20030901.205219.2896.0.zeekzilch@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A BIG thanks to Vince, KI0RB, for compiling the following results:

CQC Summer QSO Party: <http://www.cqc.org/contests/summer03.htm>

CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush: <http://www.cqc.org/contests/gold2003.htm>

72s,

WB0JNR
CQC Webmaster
<http://www.ZeekZilch.com>

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Date: 31 Aug 2003 20:42:29 -0700
From: Rob Craver <kd7snx@earthlink.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157205] just thinking about this no code thing
Message-ID: <1062387749.7455.56.camel@localhost.localdomain>
Content-Type: text/plain
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just was thinking about if the code requirement is taken away. You know it will not be all that bad. It will keep all those guys complaining about how they have to learn it and they can't, and it is not like CW will not be usable. Sure some people will not get into it if they had to learn it, but that could be a good thing to, because it will be even more special. If we keep on using it they will not take it away. Any way the code requirement disappearing I agree is a bad thing, but let us look at the good points. If we sit around complaining about it we are not using it, there for it could disappear. All in all let take what life throws at us and do what we can!!

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 23:47:31 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <john_k7fd@cablespeed.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157206] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <002f01c37104\$f5135a80\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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My statement was a broad statement, one to show that the narrow range
of technical specs of CW as mentioned in the original was incorrect to
try to apply to all cases.

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Actually, I will stand by that statement. I have no problem taking the
lumps
when they are justified, but in this case I won't be pointing 4 fingers
back,
as I'd be slapping with an open hand. An attention getter. If anything
gets
to a form with a closed fist, or fingers pointing back, they just aren't
worth
the argument, as this thread seems to be, as many private emails have
already pointed out.

Spend the effort where there is a potential for return.

Bottom line though is the discussion is pointless. CW WILL be gone as
a testing requirement. The only real remaining issue is how the bulk of
HAM radio treats new people that don't have CW skills. With a closed
attitude it will turn them right off, and Pogo's statement may in fact
turn
out to be our Eulogy.

Mike

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 23:59:20 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w9ya@arrl.net>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157207] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <003901c37106\$9b1b35a0\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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> Well that most certainly **IS** the point. Morse code is sent **and**
received
> as a mono-tone of the receiver's choosing.
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> Thanxs for all the comments though.

Is it? I thought it could be a variety of things. Light. Vibration. A
tone rich
in harmonics. Even a shift.

The vehicle for how CW is 'read' by a person is not the issue. A blind
person
cannot see light, but he can hear. A deaf person cannot hear, but he
could
use tactile inputs to decode CW, or light. There are MANY ways CW could
get 'to the brain'.

The issue is not the methodology of the data transfer, but the data
encoding
itself.

You know, I don't know of any cases where someone who stutters can't
type or write. Or read. I don't know of any dyslexics who can't talk, or
listen.

People look at some problems, and try to solve it as a 'whole issue'. But
really, what IS the issue. Especially with CW. I do know there are
people
that cannot hear well. And the perfect tone has nothing to do with it.
While
they can even hear music and notes, they can't detect the ends of tones.
Hmm, I'll have to ask that individual if he also has problems with onsets
of
tones as well... Sorry, went down a side street there. That may not even
be relevent to the discussion.

But really, with CW, I don't think it is the tone at issue, but something
internal to the brain in how the entire input is processed.

Mike

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 00:36:15 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157208] Spartan Sprint
Message-ID: <003a01c3710b\$bf0412c0\$53c6e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Nice to be able to make an SP again -outside, too. Drove the truck up a logging road to a nice spot and got up an Eighty Eight at about 55' by dark. A very wet season has caused a mosquito explosion so I'm a lot lighter than when I left the house.

Ran the lean/mean AT Sprint and SPaddle combo @ 4W on alkies. Got on in time to work a few on 20m during MI QRP and the band sounded pretty good. It seemed to shrink when SP started but did manage CA, OR, CO, Tx, UT, SD early on. 23 SPC's total on 20m & 40m and 60 Q's. Not great but I did learn a lot about front seat operating ergonomics, mosquito gaskets for antenna wires thru truck windows, and yet again... never to leave home without the duct tape. (apologies for keying problems -had to chase the SPaddle all over the logging clipboard) Thanks again, ARS.

73/72
aa1my

Seabury & Sharon Lyon
99 Sparrowhawk Mtn Rd
Bethel ME, 04217 U.S.A.
207-836-2576

Virus Protection by Norton and ZoneAlarm

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 00:23:41 -0500 (CDT)
From: Dale Botkin <dale@botkin.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157209] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0309020021480.12080-1000000@madmax.botkin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> They are now working around it.
> I had the same initial results with SProxy, but its effectiveness has died
> with time.

>From time to time, like every few weeks maybe, I'll see a few slip by.
Then they stop. Razor helps, and anything I catch that's not already
listed in Razor gets dumped to its own file, which I report to Razor at
least daily. It helps a lot, I still get over 99% effectiveness with
almost no false positives.

73,

Dale - N0XAS

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It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
PicoKeyer is available for the Rock-Mite! <http://www.hamgadgets.com>

Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 23:15:44 -0500
From: Mark Fields <mark_ke5my@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157210] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <20030902.033035.-347757.0.mark_ke5my@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi, everyone:

If SpamAssassin is now vulnerable to write-arounds,
what would you recommend for blocking spam? TIA.

73, Mark, KE5MY

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Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 10:44:06 +0000
From: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157211] Re: URGENT re FCC Petitions Open for Comment
Message-ID: <LAW15-F100legh0YCaR0001f00e@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Ok, there is disagreement over why you can't learn cw, or was it why you can learn it. You have confussed us all. If you go back to the post which started this, it is about the cw requirement going away or staying. It had nothing to do with learning cw. It is a fact that when this topic comes up, the mind games of why they can't or why they can always appear. Lets get back to the begining here, the requirment staying or going away.

As it has been stated before, the requirement to show the ability to copy cw will go away. Either in the near future, or at a later date.

What will be your responce to this and to those who come into the hobby after the cw requirement is removed??? How will you treat them on the air, in person at a club meeting, at the local hamfest??? I hope the answer is that it will be no different than any other Ham that you meet. Lets not use the reactions of many Extra Class to the new Extra Class after the code was dopped to 5 wpm. as the example of how to act.

Make them welcome, show them your excitment for your chosen mode of operating (cw) and that excitment just might turn then on, instead of being turned off to the whole thing because of the unfriendly, rude old farts of the hobby.

This is where the discussion belongs, not fighting about who can and who can't. Think about it, what will your reaction be?

Have a safe week and work many DX

73, Bill kc4atu

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Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 06:50:27 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
From: "Pastor-kc1di" <elbc2@gwi.net>
To: <lmairs@direcway.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157212] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <3F5475F3.00000F.02032@DOR>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: Text/Plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Hi all ,=0D
=0D

The best spam fighting tool I've found is that my ISP has signed us all o=
n
with Postini it filters everything at the ISP level and will stop just ab=
out
anything you want it to before it ever reaches your mail box. It also doe=
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good job of virus protection before it reaches your computer. don't know =
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sure if individuals can sign on for this service or if it has to be done =
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your ISP. Works quite well here, but of course no spam filter is 100%
effective. =0D

73 Dave Kc1di =0D

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-----Original Message-----=0D

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From: lmairs@direcway.com=0D

Date: Monday, September 01, 2003 11:31:05 PM=0D

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion=0D

Subject: Re: SpamAssassin WORKS=0D

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73 de Lee=0D

KM4YY/8=0D

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From: "Karl Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>=0D

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>=0D

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2003 4:51 PM=0D

Subject: SpamAssassin WORKS=0D

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> k5di@arrl.net for many years, of late your getting a whole lot of spam=0D

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Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 06:29:38 -0600 (MDT)
From: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Lee Mairs <lmairs@direcway.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157213] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0309020625440.5195-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Mon, 1 Sep 2003, Lee Mairs wrote:

> Unfortunately, the Spammers have access to the SpamAssassin algorithms.

Yes this is true. But with a difference.

> They are now working around it.

Well not so. The spam idiots are not real bright and SpamAssassin uses mathematical tools to rate even the words in the message. So a message sent to me in Spanish will in fact be labeled spam and not reach me.

> I had the same initial results with SProxy, but its effectiveness has died
> with time.

SAProxy is a real light weight spam filter.

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> 73 de Lee
> KM4YY/8
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Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 08:06:06 -0500
From: "pschweit" <pschweit@mninter.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157214] Shielded ballanced line?
Message-ID: <002001c37152$fa3d8aa0$5ce6add1@oemcomputer>
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MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Can any type of coax be used or is it best to use RG8?

Just thinking
KA0PGQ rob

Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 10:24:16 -0400
From: Jim Eshleman <jce0@Lehigh.EDU>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157215] code/nocode and spam discussions
Message-ID: <3F54A810.6070109@Lehigh.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

As has been kindly pointed out to me the spam and code/nocode discussions are OT (and getting very OT) and have gone on long enough. Please take them offlist. Thanks anyway for keeping them more-or-less civil.

73
Jim N3VXI

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 09:55:47 -0400
From: "Lee Mairs" <lmairs@direcway.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157216] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <00eb01c37159\$e97a24b0\$2202a8c0@J4>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just so that other list users aren't "mis-informed" by erroneous info, the following URL contains a good discussion of SPAM and the current issues/problems.
http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=74&ncid=74&e=2&u=/cmp/20030902/tc_cmp/13101046

73 de Lee
KM4YY/8

----- Original Message -----
From: "Dale Botkin" <dale@botkin.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 1:23 AM
Subject: Re: SpamAssassin WORKS

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> > They are now working around it.
> > I had the same initial results with SAProxy, but its effectiveness has died
> > with time.
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> > From time to time, like every few weeks maybe, I'll see a few slip by.
> Then they stop. Razor helps, and anything I catch that's not already
> listed in Razor gets dumped to its own file, which I report to Razor at
> least daily. It helps a lot, I still get over 99% effectiveness with
> almost no false positives.
>
> 73,
> Dale - N0XAS
> --
> It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
> PicoKeyer is available for the Rock-Mite! <http://www.hamgadgets.com>
>
>

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 10:57:05 -0400
From: "Hudson, Steve (RBI-US RCD)" <sdhudson@reedbusiness.com>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157217] Tentec filter needs new home
Message-ID: <A7E30DBD5928D442A7AE9EF215EEE133046B82ED@bincmdgnorexc02.cahners.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Tentec 217 crystal filter with documentation. \$58 shipped.

Thanks,

Steve AA4BW

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 07:55:32 -0700 (PDT)
From: Garie Halstead K8KFJ <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157218] Re: code/nocode and spam discussions
Message-ID: <20030902145532.81143.qmail@web80505.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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> Jim N3VXI

Thanks Jim, my delete key was getting a real workout. Other things to talk about like the big 1w signal out of South Dakota last night during the MI Labor Day Sprint. HI Even N3AO remarked about it after their contact. Nice job!!

72, Gary -K8KFJ-
West Virginia
MI QRP #M-1720

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Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 11:19:09 -0400
From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157219] Re: Shielded ballanced line
Message-ID: <3F547CAD.2359.B00588@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

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> this feed line configuration imunise against incidental contact with the
> ground or metal objects? Can any type of coax be used or is it best to use
> RG8? Just thinking KA0PGQ rob

Well, one thing it does is give you all the disadvantages of both coax and balanced line. You have the loss and weight of coax, along with the difficulty of handling the "balanced" line. BTW, balanced line, unless "perfect" will always radiate some. This is not necessarily a "bad" thing. Using coax as you suggest will at best, attenuate this radiation. I frankly, like to get all the RF into the ether I can. Keep in mind that coax loss is stated for a matched load. Using it like this, it will be mismatched, and much more loss will occur

Only advantage of doing this as you say, is to insulate against contact. You could do this by using the 450 ohm ladder line, which is insulated.

IMHO, a bad idea. Others may have tried it and liked it.

John W2AGN

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 12:18:14 -0400
From: "Noyce, Bill" <william.noyce@hp.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157220] HB double paddle
Message-ID:

<6D6463F31027B14FB3B1FB094F2C744703377E78@tayexc17.americas.cpqcorp.net>
content-class: urn:content-classes:message
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Well, I ordered Doug's "2 for 20" keyer kit for me and my daughter, at her request. I guess we're going to need another paddle. So yesterday I built a double paddle out of double-sided printed circuit board. Sorry, I don't know the thickness, but part of it was leftovers from a NJQRP Sniffer kit. Nothing unusually thick or thin.

It has a base of about 2" x 2", with rounded corners. A back plate about 2" x 3/4" (2 rounded corners) stands up about 1'4" from one end. Next I soldered a brass nut -- I think #10 -- on the centerline, about halfway between the back plate and the front edge of the base. A 1/2" round-head brass bolt screwed into the nut serves as the center post. The paddles are about 2.25" x 1/2", with the finger end rounded. A 1'4" hole near the other end adds some flexibility. At the point on each paddle where it would contact the center bolt, I drilled a small hole and inserted a brass brad with a slightly rounded head. Soldered it in, cut off the shaft, and filed it down. Then soldered it again, as all that work had loosened it! I cut slots in the copper to isolate this contact from the base and fingers, on both sides. The paddles get soldered to the back plate, flush with its top edge. Then melt the solder and try to get them close to the contact, so it doesn't take much pressure to move them. A few iterations here... Drilled a hole in the back plate for a shielded two-conductor cable, and soldered inner conductors to the inner side of the paddles, and the shield to the inner side of the back plate -- I hope it serves as a strain relief. Finally, I added two small pieces of PCB near the front edge of the base, standing up, to hold the paddles very close to the contact, but not touching. Many more iterations here, with keyer & sidetone on... Instead of nice adjustable screws, you adjust this paddle with a soldering iron. We'll see how much readjustment it needs over time!

Results: it actually works surprising well, as long as it is held firmly on a flat surface. On a resilient surface (like a spiral notebook) it can flex just enough that pressing the dit paddle causes the dah to make contact too. (Sorry for the resulting QLF if I worked you last night!) I was able to get the spacing as close, and the tension nearly as light, as on

my Code Warrior Jr (based on NorCal key). If I ever do this again, I would make just a few changes: make sure the space behind the back plate is big enough for a finger to hold it down, and keep the cable high enough to be out of the way; and move the center post / bolt as far from the back plate as possible, so the paddle doesn't need to move much to contact it.

I think my daughter gets the Code Warrior Jr, and the HB paddle is for me -- for now anyway.

-- Bill, AB1AV

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 12:29:08 -0400
From: "cal.jsi" <cal.jsi@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157221] Re: Shielded Balanced Line
Message-ID: <000301c3716f\$55ca3690\$fc53fea9@Sharon>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

I would agree that using two runs of coax as shielded, balanced feedline is probably a technique of last resort. All things considered, if you can use 300 or 450 Ohm balanced line, I think you're better off, especially from the loss perspective.

That said, I do use two runs of RG-8X as a balanced, shielded pair for my indoor doublet. It runs between the doublet, which is in our attic, and the shack, which is in the basement. I had these two lines, and a couple of runs of RG-8, routed down an interior wall when our house was being constructed. Even though the doublet was constructed of two rolls of heavy duty aluminum foil, in the interest of keeping its "Q" as low as possible, I shudder to think what the SWR on the feedline is. I further suspect that the loss is pretty high, especially on the higher frequency bands, e.g., 17 through 10 Meters.

However, this lash-up does work pretty well on 40M through 10M; I tune it with a KW Electronics Z-match ATU. In summary, I think the choice is a matter of doing the best you can with your antenna system, given your particular environment.

72/73

Cal K4JSI

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 10:03:45 -0700
From: "john gabbard" <johngabbard@usintouch.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157222] FS
Message-ID: <005c01c37174\$2c2800b0\$b5811c0c@john>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

BLT has been sold thanks John KF70M

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 10:21:15 -0700
From: "Ward Silver" <hwardsil@centurytel.net>
To: "DX Reflector" <dx-news@njdx.org>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157223] WARC-Speed DX Challenge - Update
Message-ID: <017f01c37176\$9e10b300\$7ca9fea9@DADSLAPTOP>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Conditions have just been SO wonderful this summer, haven't they? :-)

As we reach the end of summer conditions and approach the autumnal equinox, the current overall leader is HB9BMY in Zone 14 who has been a demon on the bands this summer, working a total of 211 DXCC entities all on CW, with 118 on 17-meters alone. Well done! In 2nd and 3rd place are W1JR (Zone 5) and G3YMC (Zone 14) with 122 and 105, respectively. K9DXR (Zone 4) is the leader on phone with 73 entities logged, followed by M3TGS (Zone 14). Who will start digital DXing?

Rules and current results are available via the Western Washington DX Club Web site - www.wwdxc.org - the links are at the upper right of the home page.

As conditions improve, enticing us out of our gardens and into the shack, look for more activity worldwide. See you on the WARC bands!

73, Ward N0AX

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 12:21:25 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: <cal.jsi@verizon.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157224] Re: Shielded Balanced Line
Message-ID: <010101c37176\$a9ef2e90\$0401a8c0@PS>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just a note about handling the shields on lines like these . . .

The coax shields are connected together at each end. The end connected to the tuner must have the common shields connected to the tuner chassis. The end at the antenna must be floating.

As you can see, the shields form an overall electrostatic shield for the feeders and the shield must be referenced to the source or tuner end.

It is not at all necessary for the two coax lines to be run parallel to one another. Each may take its own path relative to the other, just so they start out and end up together with their shields connected. Of course, the coaxes must be of the same length.

For short runs, this is not a bad way to take ladderline into the shack and maintain a balanced line structure. Cal's application is highly appropriate since running conventional ladderline down through a wall is not a very good idea.

I would recommend the use of large coax with solid dielectric with its higher voltage rating. Since the SWR on the coax portion can be quite large, the voltage and current at SWR peaks on the line can be large enough to be concerned over.

I used this method for feeding my 80-meter full-wave loop for some time to bring the balanced line into the shack and to the MFJ 989C tuner. I have since adopted my own design of a 5-bead W2DU-type bead balun which allows coax to be brought into the shack and directly to the coax connectors on the tuners.

73/72, George
Amateur Radio W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13QE
"Starting the 58th year and it just keeps getting better!"
w5yr@att.net

----- Original Message -----

From: "cal.jsi" <cal.jsi@verizon.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 11:29 AM
Subject: Re: Shielded Balanced Line

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> 72/73
> Cal K4JSI
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Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 12:39:50 -0500
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157225] Re: SpamAssassin WORKS
Message-ID: <200309021239.50760.w9ya@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Disposition: inline
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bogofilter

On Monday 01 September 2003 11:15 pm, Mark Fields wrote:

> Hi, everyone:
> If SpamAssassin is now vulnerable to write-arounds,
> what would you recommend for blocking spam? TIA.

>
> 73, Mark, KE5MY

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> -----
> The best thing to hit the internet in years - Juno SpeedBand!
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Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 10:42:41 -0700
From: Bruce Grubbs <n7cee@cybertrails.com>
To: qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU
Subject: [157226] SUSE Linux 8.2 CD's available
Message-ID: <200309021042.41064.n7cee@cybertrails.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Disposition: inline

I have two copies of SUSE 8.2 available for the first two to request them.

73,
Bruce
N7CEE

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 13:43:06 -0400
From: "W. Keith Hibbert" <wkhibbert@frontiernet.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157227] "Army Radio List" Attachment
Message-ID: <a05210600bb7a85a52396@[192.168.0.103]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Hi. Keith here in the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp.

I received 10 Emails today from random originators, but all with the same attachment. It had to do with a get-together for the members of the Army Radio List, and all of the attachments had doubled extensions, such as .doc.exe and so on.

I deleted them before I thought about it enough, but seeing that I am using an iMac now, I have quit worrying about all of the W32 virii and other pitfalls.

Is anyone on the Army Radio list? If so, watch your attachments VERY CLOSELY!!!

73, Keith, WB2VUO
"My nite lite runs more power than my Rig!"

Date: Tue, 02 Sep 2003 10:37:20 -0800
From: John Pfeifer - =?iso-8859-1?Q?KL=D8WN?= <qrp@johnpfeifer.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157228] Re: Shielded Balanced Line
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20030902103157.00b53f38@orion.lunarpages.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On the subject of Shielded Balanced Line...

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any shielding.=20

You can see it at: <http://www.titanex.de/frames/acc.html>.

John Pfeifer

KL=D8WN
Kodiak, Alaska

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 16:01:11 -0400
From: "AI2Q" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: <qrp@johnpfeifer.com>,
 "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157229] RE: Shielded Balanced Line
Message-ID: <000301c3718c\$f578ca40\$7e01a8c0@alex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

One application I think nobody mentioned is the use of shielded balanced transmission line in short segments to feed your longer open-wire line runs through walls, windows, etc.

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L #687
<http://users.adelphia.net/~alexmm/ai2q.htm>

..--.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of John Pfeifer - KL WN
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 2:37 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: Shielded Balanced Line

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John Pfeifer

KL WN
Kodiak, Alaska

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 13:33:43 -0700
From: Bruce Grubbs <n7cee@cybertrails.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157230] Re: SUSE Linux 8.2 CD's available
Message-ID: <200309021333.43605.n7cee@cybertrails.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Disposition: inline

On Tuesday 02 September 2003 10:42 am, Bruce Grubbs wrote:
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Both copies are spoken for.

73,
Bruce
N7CEE

Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2003 17:16:02 -0400
From: "n3drk" <n3drk@triad.rr.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157231] Apology to the group
Message-ID: <028201c37197\$6a2fe530\$6400a8c0@n3drk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Friday Evening I had a lightning strike and was very fortunate. My ham radio equipment and computers were not affected. I did have a scare though. My monitors had a faded out appearance on all programs with very psychedelic colors. But after turning them off for half an hour, the full colors were restored. I had to call Time Warner for a replacement cable modem for this was blasted. In fact I was in the shack when this happened and it sounded like a dixie boy firecracker going off if some of you guys know what that sounds like.

Anyways, I want to apologize for bringing onto this reflector the

ongoing CW and ARRL issue and starting the thread. This is not an area for this type of agenda. I feel very strongly about these two issues but this reflector should not be abused with these issues. I let my emotions get carried away and for this I apologize for the needless postings.

Please continue with the postings on the beauty of the low, low, power of qrp.

Sincerely,

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Thanks to everyone who replied to this question. The universal answer was a single turn requires passing the wire through BOTH holes (they ought to be called 'tunnels'). I have prepared PDFs of both the fine RF preamp ("Augmented Lossless Feedback Amplifier") by Dr Chris Trask; and the two transformers. You can see these at <<http://www.qsl.net/n4xy/hmbw1-2.html>> (towards the bottom of the page.) Any errors noted will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and

deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

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My suspicion would be that it would be have higher losses than the 450 ohm twin lead, not to mention being considerably heavier. I have around a thousand feet of old Belden Twinax from System 36 installations that were cancelled that I have been tempted to use however... Anyone ever use it for Transmission line and if so how did it perform?

Dave
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At 08:06 AM 9/2/2003 -0500, pschweit wrote:
>A few weeks ago i saw an old artical that recomended replacing 450 ohm twin
>lead with dual runs of coax. The driven leads were the center conductors
>with the shields terminatad to groung at each end.
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>My question is:
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>Is the performance as comperable to 450 ohm in loss characteristics?
>How well does this feed line configuration imunise against incidental
>contact with the ground or metal objects?
>Can any type of coax be used or is it best to use RG8?
>
>Just thinking
>KA0PGQ rob

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